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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: PARTIALLY REINFORCING METHOD AND APPARATUS OF  
METAL MATERIAL  
Inventor(s): Hirotaka TODAKA et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 19 pages, including three (3) independent claim and thirteen (13) claims total.
2. Drawings- seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-15).
3. Claim for Priority with certified copy of Japanese 2003-072152.
4. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), together with PTO Form 1449, and five (5) documents.
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Total Claims	13	-	20	20	x \$18 .. 00.00
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Applicants claim the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-072152, filed March 17, 2003, in Japan.

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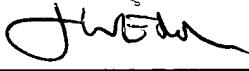
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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